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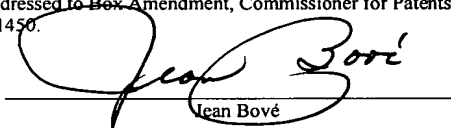
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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES**

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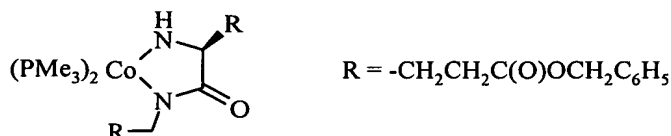
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of January 30, 2006.

Applicants elect the following species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable:

- a) a first NCA monomer:  $\gamma$ -benzyl-L-glutamate NCA (Glu NCA) disclosed, for example at lines 3-4 of paragraph [0082];
- b) a second NCA monomer:  $\gamma$ -benzyl-L-glutamate NCA (Glu NCA);
- c) a specific amido-containing metallacycle: the elected metallacycle has the structure



where the Lewis base ligand is trimethylphosphine ( $\text{PMe}_3$ ), and the metal ion is cobalt, disclosed for example at paragraphs [0021] and [0060], and Table 8 (the complex of the  $\text{PMe}_3$  and Co would be  $(\text{PMe}_3)_4\text{Co}$  or "tetrakis(trimethylphosphine cobalt(0))");

d) a solvent: tetrahydrofuran (THF), as described in the examples.

All the claims read on the species.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0337. If an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0337. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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